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EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT BEIRUT 5141 ACTION TEL AVIV SECSTATE INFO DAMASCUS
OCT 14.

QUOTE S E C R E T BEIRUT 5141

EXDIS TREAT AS NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS PBOR MILI IS LE

SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON

REF: STATE 246566

1. SAW BOUTROS AT 1000 LOCAL. TOLD HIM WE URGING ISRAELIS
TO AGREE TO EARLY ILMAC MEETING AND ASKED IF WE COULD PASS TO
THEM DEPLOYMENT TIMETABLE AS REPORTED IN DATT'S IR 6 857 0103
(INFORMATION IN THAT MESSAGE, INCIDENTALLY, DATES FROM OCT. 11
AND WAS RECONFIRMED TO ME BY SARKIS ON 12TH). BOUTROS EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR OUR EFFORTS BUT SAID HE WOULD RATHER WE
NOT RPT NOT PASS ON INFO UNTIL PRESENT DIFFICULTIES
WITH REJECTIONISTS STRAIGHTENED OUT. HE SUSPECTED THERE

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WOULD HAVE TO BE DELAY IN DEPLOYMENT AND DI NOT WANT TO
GIVE MISLEADING INFORMATION TO ISRAELIS ON SUBJECT.

2. BOUTROS THEN CALLED ADF COMMANDER KHATIB AND ASKED HIM
ABOUT STATE OF PLAY. KHATIB SAID PALESTINIANS STILL ARGUING.
FATAH WAS THREATENING USE FORCE AGAINST REJECTIONISTS UNLESS
THEY FELL INTO LINE, BUT ISSUE STILL UNRESOLVED. KHATIB WAS

CONFIDENT RESOLUTION WILL BE FAVORABLE, BUT EXPECTS IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER 48 HOURS.

3. KHATIB REMARKS CONFIRMED BOUTROS VIEW WE SHOULD NOT PASS TIMETABLE TO ISRAELIS. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE ALL SHOOT FOR MONDAY AS DATE FOR ILMAC MEETING. ACCORDING TO HIS UNDERSTANDING, BALL NOW IN ISRAELI COURT, SINCE IT WAS ISRAELIS WHO SAID THEY COULD NOT MEET UNDER THEN EXISTING CONDITIONS. IT UP TO THEM TO TELL UNTSO THEY READY TO MEET, AND LEBANESE WOULD RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY AS SOON AS THEY HEARD FROM UNTSO.

4. BOUTROS NOTED AS IMPORTANT POINT THAT PLO NOW ADDUCING ISRAELI CANCELLATION OF LAST ILMAC MEETING AS JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR OWN INABILITY GET THINGS TOGETHER. ISRAELI WILLINGNESS MEET WITH LEBANESE AND TALK ABOUT DEPLOYMENT WOULD INCREASE LEBANESE LEVERAGE ON PLO.

5. RE HADDAD, HE ASKED THAT WE NOT PASS HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCES YET. HE MUST FIRST DISCUSS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT, WHICH HE SCHEDULED TO DO TODAY. HE SAID HE WOULD LET ME KNOW RESULTS.

6. COMMENT: LACKING DETAILED INSIGHT INTO PLO DELIBERATIONS, DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW HOW REALISTIC KHATIB'S 48 HOUR DELAY IS. SUSPECT IT MAY TAKE LONGER THAN THAT IF THERE IS TO BE A REAL SECRET

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THRASHING OUT OF RELATED ISSUES BY PLO LEADERSHIP AS USUN'S 3761 INDICATES. IN ANY EVENT, HOPE ISRAELIS CAN SEE THEIR WAY CLEAR TO INFORMING UNTSO THEY READY TO MEET WITH LEBANESE ON MONDAY, WHICH WOULD INCREASE PRESSURE ON PLO.
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